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from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy Easter and holidays to you all. May you all enjoy a good time with your family and friends.

My sincere apologies if I'm late with the TEC NEWS but as long as you receive it sometime in April its not late. Having been under the weather for a few months now, getting these past few issues out and in the mail is a bit trying. No one comes out and tells me, I'll help so I keep doing the best I can. Bear with me folks as better days have to come.

Although dues were due on January 1st many have not paid their dues yet. As a matter after March 31st if your dues aren't paid, your no longer a member until you pay your dues. In last TEC NEWS this was mentioned that dues are now due. With postage going up all the time, its just to much to keep sending notices out as this all adds up.

The cost of stamps now has gone up so it adds up fast. There are TEC badges to be sent out, also when dues are sent, we have to mail out cards and coins. So stamps and envelopes going fast. We also have to buy lots of stamps to mail TEC NEWS out. Also letters to answer almost every day.

Lately many have sold their collections and no longer are interested in TEC. In one way I hate to hear this as I have made many friends through-out the year so hate to lose any member. We have lost many TEC members who have passed away these pass two years to.

Nominations coming in good but many have not paid their dues and are no longer members and I will wait until the last day. So they can't run for an office if their dues haven't been paid by the deadline.

Even though I beg for articles, few bother to send one in. Then my cry baby complainer will write, not enough reading. God Bless tham all as always one in every club. Yet I can only do the best with what I get. I do appreciate this. How many have really thanked me for doing the TEC NEWS? Its a thankless job with no pay. Sick or not, I had to put the TEC NEWS out and still someone complained. Yet never helps me to do the job.

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 President Report

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As soon as I put this TEC NEWS in the mail I will have to start on the July issue. As the ballots go out with this issue. I will do my best to get the July issue out early. So if you have an article send it in early as pages will be limited so we can send the ballots out and keep the two stamp postage to mail first class. How long we can keep this up I don't really know.

Times are hard now and I hear many have lost their jobs. So how many will come to the A.N.A. Convention in Baltimore, Maryland I do not know. It seems fewer come each year. So we miss many of the old crowd. I remember the fun we used to have as we all met in the hotel lobby all the time. I miss this very much. We would pick a corner and that was the TEC corner until the convention was over. It used to be so sad when people ran up to you to say their good-bys and say to you, see you next year. Sometimes you had tears in your eyes to see them go as we never saw them again. We lost some very dear friends.

I was glad to hear many have ordered a TEC badge for 1985. This is the only way that TEC gets any extra income to keep the dues down. The names of those that ordered a TEC badge will be on another page. Hope your name is there. I will only make as many as are ordered. Remember if you did not order one you won't be able to buy one later. Even though we beg members to make sure they order one before it's too late a few always will say but I always buy one. Yes, you do, but please order one or as many as you want as long as you order them. Please do not send money now. We want to sell all we can but order ahead. Will give a week more after TEC NEWS is out to order a badge if you haven't yet. Don't miss out on it as these badges will some day be a very good collectors set.

I wish I could say I feel better but I really don't. So help me and write that article you have been meaning to write. Maybe with the spring weather, things will be better for all. Here in Connecticut we still can get a snow storm in April as more than once we got our biggest snow storm in April.

To those that wrote me letters and sent cards, thank you kindly. As I told my Doctor they were appreciated more than the pills I have to take. Even received a phone call from Dottie Dow, so that was a nice surprise.

We will have a TEC table at the A.N.A. convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Hopefully we get a few new TEC members out of this. If you want more information for hotel rooms you have to write American Numismatic Association for hotel rooms. All I know is the Hyatt Regency Hotel is the main hotel. The convention hall is across the street from this hotel. Also the Days Inn and the Holiday Inn-Downtown is not far away or within walking to and from the convention hall and the main hotel. Yet the map doesn't show how long really far it is from the main hotel. Hope to see many of you at the convention.

If we give free elongated coins out this year I do not know. The idea of this was to only give our TEC members a few elongated coins. Now it is out of hand. Last meeting in Detroit people waiting at the door for only when we would give out the free-bees. The people at the door weren't interested in the TEC meeting at all but in the free coins. They weren't even TEC members. Once I started giving them out they ran up for the free coins and ran right out. Not one even said, thank you. Yet a couple had asked if I'd give a few packages extra for a few more of their friends. Now I know why one person wrote me TEC is becoming a give-me club. The idea is to give a few samples to members only that are at the meeting and not to all who couldn't make the meeting. What few are left we should give to the folks that have donated some coins. Sorry folks but I have to say this as it's rough begging for free coins to just give-away. When members try to sell their coins, few will buy, as one member said, gosh I thought they were all free. God Bless each and everyone of you.

Sally Kirka - TEC President

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Deadline for articles and ads is May 15, 1985. Send at once if you can.

Fenton, mich.

The little city of Fenton, Michigan is located approximately 50 miles, northwest of Detroit and 15 miles south of Flint. It is a quaint little town with a mill pond on the Shiawassee River. It is steeped with folklore and history. However, it is known better by most Michiganians as a water recreation area. The local lakes draw many thousands of tourists annually. (There are over 50 lakes within a 25 mile radius of Fenton.)

The settlement was established by Clark Dibble who came here from New York State. He registered his claim to government land in 1834 and named Dibbleville. Within a few years more than 600 additional settlers arrived. Among them was an enterprising young lawyer by the name of William M. Fenton along with his friend and associate Robert Leroy. They eventually bought the entire town site from Dibble, including his mill and its water rights.

Fenton and Leroy platted the village and so the story goes. They played a game of stud poker, with the agreement that the winner would name the town and the loser would have the right to name the streets. We now have a town named Fenton with a Main Street named Leroy. Guess who won?

Since that time much has happened which is a matter of record that time and space does not allow me to detail. However, I must say that during the late 1960's and early 1970's, local politicians got caught up in the urban renewal craze and competition for federal dollars. As a result, most of the downtown area became a victim of the wrecking ball. What remains is revered by old time residents and nostalgia buffs. I being one of the latter.

1984 marked the city's sesquicentennial and my contribution to the 150th anniversary was the creation of a series of nine different elongated coins. Each coin is mounted on a postal size card picturing local landmarks matching the site shown in miniture on the coins. This was done in collaboration with a local author and artist by the name of Nelson Gerald Scott who published a book for the occasion entitled "ON THIS SITE" and is an illustrated history of Fenton. Mr. Scott gets credit for the find art work and Frank Brazzell gets credit for making the dies for me.

Many of the buildings pictured on the cards and coins have been designated historical sites by the state of Michigan and some have the same designation nationally.

The area known as Dibbleville was Fenton's original business district. It encompasses the Library, two Churches and two blocks of commercial buildings. The area later became Fentonville and in 1863 the name was shortened to Fenton.

The Fenton House was constructed in 1856, soon after the Detroit and Milwaukee railroad reached town in 1855. It is one of the oldest hotels in continuous operation in the state. In former years a livery stable was located directly across the street and operated a horse drawn rail car from the hotel to resorts and steam boat docks at long (Lake Fenton). A point approximately one and one half miles away. Lake Fenton is a 900 acre lake and was the playground in the area. Its shores were dotted with resorts, cottages and campsites. The railroad brought the outside world to the village. The present depot was built in 1882 and currently is used as headquarters for the Fenton Chamber of Commerce.

The Baptist Religious Educational School was built in 1868. In 1886 it was turned over to the Baptist Ministers Aid Society as a home for retired Ministers and their wives. It has been known as the Baptist Minister's home ever since.

The old firehall was built in 1875 and served until 1937 when it was torn down to accomodate a new Community Center Building.

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FENTON MICHIGAN - SESQUICENTENNIAL 1884-1984 cont. from page 4

The original grain elevator was constructed in 1868 and was succeeded by the present complex in 1898. The massive structure occupies a prominent location and dominates the Fenton skyline. It no longer operates as a grainery but accommodates "The Grainery Pub" and several speciality shops.

The Gazebo was created in the last ten years and adds an atmosphere of nostalgia to the many band concerts, Blue Grass Festivals and old fashioned ice cream socials held in the downtown Mill Pond Park during the summers months.

These coin cards sold for \$5.00 a set during the 1984 celebration. They were recently advertised for \$3.50 per set. plus postage. Now while the remainder last, they are available to the TEC members for \$3.00 a set including postage. I also still have a few sets of the 9-coins on a ring for \$2.00 a set including postage. Orders should be directed to Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Michigan, 48430. Each order will also receive a lucky cent which was issued specifically for the 150 year celebration.

The pictures of the elongated coins shown below are the coins being sold by Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Mich. 48430. Real nice coins.



AMERICAN ELONGATED ASSOCIATION

BY CHESTER M. ROGERS
LEACHVILLE, ARK.

On our T.E.C. News that we receive quarterly is a picture of the T.E.C. logo, which has an owl and a ribbon winding around an elongated with TEC, and has a dotted border. Right under this border are the words, ESTAB, Chicago 1866. I joined T.E.C. in 1971 and never did take the time to find out anything about when the T.E.C. was formed. I have a question. Was the American Elongated Association founded June 1, 1965 by Ralph Jones in Philadelphia, Pa., the real beginning of T.E.C.

This elongated coin is listed in "Yesterday Elongateds" on page 143, #5 and reads as follows, American Elongated/Founded June 1 1965 by Ralph Jones/Phila, Pa./ Coin Association and to the left a right of Ralph Jones are a small horizontal oval with wording OFFICIAL COIN, dotted border.

The 1967 badge reads; the first Annual Convention T.E.C. badge, Miami Beach, Aug. 8-12, 1967 with the initials L.W. (Lloyd Wagon) rolled on a 1967 Canadian quarter and on the reverse side numbered. I have a 1966 convention badge which reads; "American Elongated" 2nd line. First convention, 3rd line Roosevelt Hotel and at each end of this line, a small horizontal oval with wording OFFICIAL COIN (dotted border), 4th line N.Y. City, N.Y. Fifth line is Dec. 10, 1966 and the bottom line COIN ASSOCIATION. It was rolled on a 1966 Kennedy half dollar and the rollers initials R.J. Ralph Jones and has a red, white and blue ribbon, dotted border.

OUTSTANDING ELONGATED HALF DOLLARBY SALLY KIRKA N.L.G.
MANCHESTER, CONN.

I think one of the most out-standing coins that stands out in my mind, is the large calender coin that Lloyd Wagaman made a few years back. He has made many nice coins when he was going strong in TEC, but making that first largest coin ever rolled out gave us something great to own. We can talk about this for years to come.

This calendar coin will some day be the most out-standing elongated coin in everyones collection. I'm proud of the few I have and even now I wouldn't trade or sell the coin for any amount of money. Its one of my prized possession that I own. There are other elongated coins but this elongated coin really stands out.

Lloyd Wagaman also engraved the die for the coin. As I look at this elongated half dollar I think of all the hard work, time and patient that went into making this elongated coin for all of us. I really feel sorry for the members who did not buy this coin when they were being sold to the members. As far as I know it was the first largest engraving rolled out die on any coin. I may be wrong on this but it was the first of the longest and largest die rolled out of any coin that I know about. This design was rolled on a half dollar only. It has the twelve months of the 1976 year on the half dollar. It sure makes me feel proud to own this nice calendar coin.

As I roll coins myself I like to try the many different size engraving of my dies. There is one regular size die or engraving which I'd call a standard size. So I started making a longer engraving to roll out on my pennies. I know a few others do this to. I also have many different size engravings that you roll on just nickels, quarters or half dollars to. I know in the last two or three years I have been trying many different dies from a very tiny one rolled on mini coins to what for me will be one of my largest.

I have the die made already but at this writing I haven't been able to roll some sample coins out. Yet I'm anxious to try this out. I hand roll my coins as I like them so Lincoln or what ever coin I roll the person can be one way only. Other-wise Lincoln comes out every which way. I do all the rolling myself from set-up machine until coin is made.

I do not do my own engraving but I'm the kind if I want to do something I'll work hard until I do it. I hope to learn this when I have more time. So I to will try to roll or keep on trying to roll a larger coin. Meaning a larger engraving die.

If I am lucky I'll bring a few coins to sell at the A.N.A. Convention. I have no idea if I can do this but I'll sure try my hand on a half dollar coin to. I will only make a limit of this size coin as it could be murder to roll a coin of the size die that I have.

Now as to rolling the longest elongated coin or penny, thanks to Adam Cool he rolled me out a 13½" to 14" elongated penny. I put this coin in a frame with the tinst coin made. I exhibit this at many coin shows along with many rare coins I have made. Now I will add the many different sizes of elongated coins I've rolled to this frame to show to others.

So you see folks collecting and rolling elongated coins can be fun and can make you feel proud, your part of "The Elongated Collectors."

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MY FIRST PLACE AWARD

BY BARBARA IZZO
CARLSTADT, N.J.

As everyone else I try to put up an exhibit of my elongated coins in many of the coin shows around here. I don't really expect to win but we can dream we may win some day. Hopefully that big prize someday to. I do the best I can but at times very hard to compete against all that expensive beautiful money. It seems my elongated coins don't stand much of a chance against all this but its fun trying.

Last year in October I had my chance to exhibit at the G.E.N.A. show, so I signed up to exhibit there. I started early to work on my exhibit and to set it up just right. I set up my exhibit on a board that I had at home of the Blind and the Handicapped P.N.C. Covers and coins I had. These are really beautiful covers and I know many have not seen these covers. So I worked hard trying my best to set up a nice exhibit. To win at these big conventions you have to be very good setting up an exhibit to catch the judges eye. When your told you don't stand a chance of even winning the third award you try even harder. Anyhow I really worked hard and did my best to try to win just maybe even the third place.

In G.E.N.A. they sort of have a Sunday breakfast where after the breakfast they announce the lucky winners who have exhibited at the G.E.N.A. Convention. If I'd even win the third place I think I'd be lucky. So as they read the third place winner and it wasn't me I thought to myself, I gave it a good try. When they read the second place winner I gave up all hopes of winning altogether. Then wow, they read my name as the lucky winner of the first place winner. I was so surprised I let out a yell and tears came down my face. I was really pleased and happy as I just never thought I'd come in to get the third much less the first place. I was really proud as I went up to get my award of a beautiful 1984 Olympic coin in a plastic holder.

This made up for the many times I tried to win even the third place and didn't. So folks if you don't win the first time keep on trying as you may be lucky as I was. Its a nice feeling when they call out your name and say, "Barbara Izzo has the first place on her elongated coin exhibit." All I can say is I was a very proud person the day I received my "First Place Award." I hope it happens again as I'll try again.

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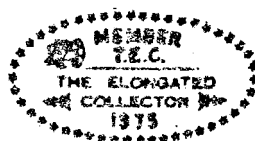
BY RICH BOTTLES JR.
HARMONY, PA.

I have always thought it was interesting how some elongated coin rollers are oblivious to the fact that some people collect what they roll. On two occasions in the past I have talked to rollers who have looked at me strangely when I asked for one of their coins without a hole pierced through it.

The first time was in the summer of 1982. I was attending the annual Butler County Fair here in Pennsylvania. A young couple had a rolling machine set up inside the display barn and were selling elongated pennies as souvenirs of the fair. The design had a standing pig holding a sign which read "BIG BUTLER FAIR, PROSPECT PA, I WAS THERE." According to the couple, business was slow and they asked me if I wanted to buy their machine from them. I didn't ask them how much they wanted for it, but I did ask if they had any other designs. They had two others available. One had a flag waving with the words "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" around it and the other was a Pittsburgh souvenir with a modern-looking golden triangle skyline logo and small designs of Three Rivers Stadium, the Duquesne incline, the civic arena, and a baseball and football around it, and the word "Pittsburgh" was written across it. The Pittsburgh coins all had holes already in them and since the die was not there, I had to make do with a holed example. The two rollers said that they were going to have a new die for the upcoming Saxonburg carnival (a town southeast of Prospect in Butler County.) When the time for this carnival came around, I also attended it. Sure enough, there were the same two rollers. The new design was also very nice (leading me to believe that they either had a lot of experience making the dies or the person whom they hired to make the dies was experienced.) The new design had a fireman's gear cluster logo in the center (ladder, helmet pick, axe, etc.) with the words "SAXONBURG, VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL" along the top and "SAXONBURG PA./ I WAS THERE" along the bottom. I don't know whether any of the above mentioned coins are especially rare, but I can bet that a few were sold without holes. Most are probably dangling from keychains and bracelets.

My second encounter with a roller/piercer was in Hollywood California in front of the famous Chinese Theater. A young man was trying to pick up some extra money from the 1984 Summer Olympics visitors. I tried to get some vital statistics from him, but he didn't seem to be keeping count. He said, that he was working for a man who also had a rolling machine in New York he believed that these couple machines were the only ones in the country, I set him straight, don't worry. Anyhow in early August he was rolling a design which had the theater pictured in the center with foot and hand prints to the sides. The words, "MANN'S CHINESE THEATER" ran along the top and the word "HOLLYWOOD" was at the bottom. This was the only design being rolled at the time. It wasn't until November that a new design was introduced. The new design was more simplistic with the picture being that of three stars above two pairs of foot prints. The word "HOLLYWOOD" at the top and the words, "WALK OF THE STARS" at the bottom. A majority of these two designs must also be holed.

If any of you have any further information on these rollers, I'd like to hear about it. I'm especially interested in what happened to the Fair couple of 1982, since my collecting centers mostly around southwestern Pennsylvania. If anyone has any more information on this, please write an article about it for the TEC NEWS.



 THE WORLD'S GREATEST INVENTOR

 BY JOHN SPADONE
 MIAMI, FLA.

I wonder how many people know or forgot who was the World's Greatest Inventor? I looked in the Martin-Dow (book of the older elongated coins), as he was not listed. I know of only one modern elongated coin that does honor him.

The world's greatest inventor is none other than "Thomas Alva Edison." Imagine that, with only three months of schooling, he was able to change life on earth with over 1,000 inventions. Few people knew that besides lighting up the world with the greatest invention of the electric bulb in 1879, he also invented the Phonograph, Movies, Battery, Sewing machine, electric fan, heater, toaster, Iron, Haircurlers, hot plates, water softener, waffle iron, Christmas lights, spark plugs, the first 200 movies and etc.

Edison was born 1847-1931 in Milan, Ohio and moved to Mass., then to Menio Park Lab., West Orange, N.J.

At the age of 38 Edison suffered various ailments, ulcers, diabetes, and etc. His Doctor advised him to move to a warmer climate to prolong his life. In 1885 he moved to Fort Myers, Fla. for his winter home. At that time he was widowed with three children. He bought a 14 acrea cattle trail and built his home with a lab. and office. He split his estate into two sections by lining his Gregor Blvd. with Royal Palm trees from Cuba.

Fort Myers is now a popular tourist site with 300,000 visitors yearly. Edison's wife Mina Miller Edison willed the property to the city of Fort Myers in 1947. The estate consist of the lab. House, Guest House, Museum and the most complete Botonical Gardens with over a 1,000 variety of plants and trees of the World Horticulture was another of his hobbies.

Edison's rooms are still the same as he left them. The clothing, personal items, workshop full of original vial, bottles, tools motors, gadgets. Edison was known to have a photo-graphic memory because there were no labels on the bottles. The envirmetal protection agencys closed the lab. to test the bottles to see if they contained harmful chemicals and liquids. The modern elongated coin of Edison was made by Bob Luchtman and listed as #119 H. I would like to hear of any-other Edison's elongated coins if anyone has made one.

 1985 TEC BADGES

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SAN ANTONIO MID-WINTER CONVENTION

BY LONNIE CAZIN
EVANSTON, WYO.

While we were in San Antonio, Texas, a fascinating city, we took a "Riverwalk" walk. Along the way we came across an elongated coin roller.

This was the 1st time I've even been able to see the rolling actually being done and I enjoyed every moment. Roger and I were on one side of the river when we saw the man on the other side. In order to get over to the man I had to go up and down a set of steps, up another and across a four lane highway. Then down a set of two section of steps and then a short distance under the bridge to where the roller man was located.

Now all the while we had watched him and until I reached him, people just passed him by as though he was another shrub along the "River-walk Park." Well, I was so excited at seeing him and being able to watch him roll my San Antonio elongated souvenir coins that we engrossed in enthusiastic conversation. This caught the attention of many passers-by who decided to stop and also purchase an unique "San Antonio souvenir." For as I told them the coins were being rolled out, should we or shouldn't? The elongated coins were 49¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. You can't go wrong for a nice coin such as the San Antonio token.

Well, between the build up of the crowd demanding his service and my not wanting to stay away from Roger any longer, I was not able to find out this mans name. Or did I get his signature which is another of my collecting hobbies. During the course of our conversation this man appreciated that I was indeed a genuine coin collector. He gave me a half roll of wheat pennies that he had gotten when he bought some rolls of pennies from the bank for rolling. He used these in case a customer didn't have their own pennies.

The elongated coin is truly special to me as it shows, The Alamo Church, The River-walk and Bridge along the Paseo De Rio, and the Tower of the Americas. This is a 72 story tall structure with a revolving restaurant near the top with an observation deck on the top floor. It was built for the 1968 Henus World's Fair in San Antonio.

We were fortunate to be guests at the Towers restaurant one evening for dinner with some dealer friends. We enjoyed their company as well as we had a fascinating view of San Antonio. It was like a never ending heaven with all the night lights and many patterns and colors. They resembled stars in the heavens as far as the eye could see.

We also had the pleasure of the Riverwalk Park tour and also the Alamo tour. Both so fascinating as steeped richly with early Texas and American history. At left bottom of rivers the rectangular shape with rows of half moon shapes represents the flat bottom boats that carried up to 30 people along the river of the Riverwalk area to the convention center and back.

The convention was well run and we were treated to some beautifully Mexican music by the talented "Mareachis." The convention area were spacious, attractive and comfortable.

I personally missed the TEC table that we have at the summer conventions and I missed the many TEC friends I visit with there. I'm looking forward to seeing them all in Baltimore in August.

As we left, we were grateful to have had the opportunity to have been part of the San Antonio mid-winter A.N.A. Convention. We enjoyed the company of our many Numismatic friends and acquaintances once again.

If you have any elongated coins to put in on the page for BUY-SELL and Trade, please send it right in. If I don't get more members to write in we will do away with this page, so its up to you. I never thought it was so hard to get anyone to write in about the coins they have for sale. So folks lets hear from you if you have a coin for sale. There are many of our members that may want the elongated coin you may have for sale. Deadline for articles and ads is May 15, 1985. Send at once if you can.

Title - How do you figure? Occasionally it is interesting for me to look at figures. I mean, the number that do this, or that, or some other thing. So I went through the 1984 TEC NEWS to see just how many members actually wrote articles. Well, the numbers I found are eye-opening to say the least. I found that there were a total of 48 articles in the four issues. I would not like to have to determine which one was the best as there were many top notch and interesting ones. But....those 48 articles were written by only 19 different people! Of those 19, ten wrote one article apiece. Of the remaining nine, three wrote two each, two wrote three each, two wrote four each and the other two wrote nine each! One of them was Sally Kirka who, I'm sure found it necessary to do so as she had to make the TEC NEWS worth sending out. Yet that other person, I'm embarrassed to say was me! (Or I.)

I've never had anything I've written be printed before so I guess I got carried away. I promise to simmer down, honestly!

In looking back at the articles, I missed some of my old favorites. Doug Fairbanks, Jack Wilcox and Lonnie Cazin are some. They always wrote great articles. Needless to say, I re-read all the articles again. Lee Martin always is spellbinding. I certainly felt for Bert Samsa again, when he wrote of his problems getting his equipment to the airport when the Pope came to visit Fairbanks, Alaska. Br-r-r. Frank Brazzell and Chester Rogers always have a world of interesting comments, so naturally I had to read their articles again. Jack Rosenbluth has a refreshing style and I look forward to reading more of his articles. One of my favorites is John Spadone and I always learn something from him. Rich Bottles, Jr. is another versatile writer I enjoy. How about some more Rich? Those of you that wrote but one article, how about seconds? I don't claim to speak for the other members of TEC, but I enjoy all of them.

I am taking this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the time and effort you have put into writing and telling me about your "experiences" and "know how" in the wonderful world of Elongated Coins.

I'm sure that not all of you are "retired and lazy" like I am, but those of us that are, sure do enjoy your tales. In case you are wondering yes, Vance had two articles in this past year to.

P.S. according to the last articles I wrote I was supposed to be in Arizona, but didn't work out. Maybe next year.

COINS DONATED

The elongated coins donated for the April issue of the TEC NEWS, were donated by Chester Rogers. A nice thank you goes to Chester Rogers as I'm sure everyone will appreciate the elongated coins given for this. These coins are given with each issue free because of the nice people who are willing to do this. So thanks again Chester Rogers.

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 BUY - SELL - TRADE

FOR SALE; By Barbara Izzo, P.O. Box 104, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072. Barbara has two different Christmas elongated pennies for sale of 1983 and 1984. They are 50¢ each, plus an S.A.S.E.

FOR SALE; By Coin Museum, 228 Vassas Road, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603. Gus is selling the elongated quarter for the Mid-Hudson Coin Club 25th anniversary. Price of the coin is \$2.00 each, plus an S.A.S.E. Make checks out to the Mid-Hudson Coin Club, but send for coin at the above address.

FOR SALE; By Roy S. Fowler, Sr., 4048 Penticton Circle N.E., Salem, OR. Roy still has some of those small frames for sale to exhibit your coin in. They are still 75¢ each, plus S.A.S.E.

Roy also has a show style rolling machine for sale. Its a chrome beauty. for \$5,500 or best offer. Send S.A.S.E. for details. No he's not giving up rolling coins.

Those of you that have put off sending for a free Jetboat coin, he still has a few left. Send a S.A.S.E. for one.

FOR SALE; By Marie Trinny, 6468 Washington St., Space 64, Yountville, Ca. 94599. Marie has her 1985 Kewpie doll coin for sale. Its called "Merikewp" this year. A real nice designed coin. The pennies are a \$1.00 each and the clad dimes are \$1.50 each. The few silver dimes made are \$5.00. An S.A.S.E. is requested with wach order. Marie also has a few of the 1984 "halmeted Kewpie" left for a \$1.00 each, plus S.A.S.E.

FOR SALE OR TRADE; By Gerry Braithwaite, 68 Oakwood Ave, Falmouth, Mass. 02540. Gerry has over a 100 different elongated coins foe sale or trade and will send a price list to anyone that sends him a self addresses stamped envelope.

FOR SALE; By Tom Gerhardt, 2060 Kingston Street, Aurora, Col. 80010. Tom has a new elongated coin made for the National Western Stock Show. The elongated pennies are 50¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E. The coin is very nicely made. Tom travels around a lot with his rolling machine so don't give up as his mail will catch up with him sooner or later.

WANTED; By Frank E. Simpson, P.O. Box 818, Tuolumne, Calif. 95379. Frank would like any elongated coins depicking railroad items or raolroad related items, such as steam-engines, train bridges, R.R. lines etc.

FOR SALE; By Burt Samsa, 611 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Burt has two very nice new elongated coins for sale. One is of the Alaska bear and the other is of the 50th anniversary of the Fairbanks Curling Club. The engraving very nicely made so coin stands out. Each elongated penny is \$2.00 each or both for \$3.00. Burt also has a nice store card elongated coin made. It is free to members with an S.A.S.E. for this coin.

FREE; By Tom Gerhardt, 2060 Kingston Street, Aurora, CO. 80010. Tom made a special elongated penny which he calls the "Penny Man" coin. This is a store card. This is free to TEC members with a S.A.S.E. This is a correction from the January issue as I couldn't read his printing. Sorry just the same.

WANTED; By Dr. Daniel H. Drake, 3950 Third Street North, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33703. He is interested in World's Fair elongated coins and also in historic events. Anyone having some of these coins, please write first.

TEC AUCTION #2 USING MARTIN & DOW CATALOG NUMBERS

1	CAL-AE 1	#1	25	CAL-PPIE	#2a	51	CAL1.a	#2a
2	"	#2	26	"	#3	52	"	#2b
3	"	#3	27	"	#4	53	CALxxx	#2a (2H)
4	"	#6	28	"	#6	54	"	#2a
5	"	#7	29	CAL S.F.	#4 (H)	55	"	#1 (H)
6	"	#8	30	"	#7	56	MO.-SLWF (UNLISTED)	
7	CAL sac	#1	31	"	#8		MANFG. BLDG.	
8	CAL obb	#1	32	"	#9	57	MO.-SLWF (UNLISTED)	
9	"	#1a	33	CAL-CGIE	#1 (H)		FORESTRY BLDG	
10	"	#2	34	"	#2	58	CAL-NEV (UNLISTED)	
	(H, GOLD PLATED)		35	"	#3		LAKE TAHOE	#1
11	CAL obb	#3 (H)	36	"	#4	59	CAL-NEV (UNLISTED)	
12	"	#4	37	"	#4a		LAKE TAHOE	#2
13	CAL pom	#3a	38	"	#6	60	CAL-NEV (UNLISTED)	
14	CAL ggb	#1	39	"	#6 (H)		LAKE TAHOE	#3
15	"	#2	40	"	#6a	61	TEX-TCE (UNLISTED)	
16	"	#3	41	"	#7 (H)		ALAMO LEFT, STAR IN	
17	"	#4	42	"	#8		CENTER, OIL WELLS R	
18	"	#4b	43	"	#9		1836 STEER 1936	
19	"	#6b	44	"	#10	62	BUSCH BIRD/SANCTUARY	
20	"	#6b (H)	45	"	#11a		PIC OF EAGLE	
21	"	#7a (H)	46	"	#14 (H)		(UNLISTED)	
22	"	#7c (H)	47	"	#15	63	LICKING COUNTY OHIO	
23	CAL-PPIE	#1a	48	"	#18 (H)		HOME OF HEISEY/	
	(1903 LIB NIC)		49	CAL 1.a	#1 (H)		GLASSWARE ETC	
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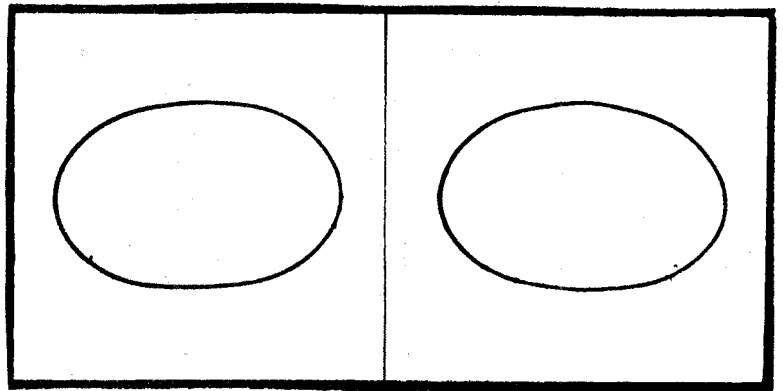
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